

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-9 have been found allowable. Applicants thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, but respectfully point out that claim 2 was previously cancelled. Applicants assume that the intent was to find claims 1 and 3-9 allowable.

Claims 10, 13, and 15 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 5,956,493 ("Hewitt") in view of U.S. patent no. 6,785,755 ("Holm").

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hewitt and Holm in view of U.S. patent no. 5,546,548 ("Chen").

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hewitt and Holm in view of U.S. patent publication no. 2002/0120828 ("Modelski").

Claims 16, 17 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hewitt in view of Modelski.

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hewitt and Modelski in view of Chen.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because the cited references do not disclose or suggest every element of any pending claim, as the following analysis shows.

Claim 10 recites granting access to the bus based on, among other things, the existence of a sleep entry condition. The cited references do not disclose or suggest this.

Claims 11 and 13-15 depend from claim 10 and therefore contain the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Claims 16-20 have been cancelled, rendering any rejection of these claims moot.

### **Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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